(v) A Sub-Committee headed by the Chief Minister of Delhi for matters falling in the jurisdiction of the State Government.

(vi) A Committee of Secretaries headed by the Cabinet Secretary to implement the decisions of the Group of Ministers.

The venues for 15 approved disciplines and 3 proposed disciplines have been finalized by the Core Group of Ministers (GOM) in its meeting held on the 4th January, 2006. GOM has also reaffirmed the site of the Games Village at a site off NH-24, next to the Akshardham Temple off the new Nizamuddin Bridge, and recommended the pattern of funding. The funding methodology of all the agencies has also been recommended by GOM.

(c) Construction work for the sports venues for the Commonwealth Games, 2010 is yet to start; as such, no amount has been spent so far.

Availability of drinking water in Delhi

*269. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the minimum requirement of drinking water in Delhi is not being fulfilled;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the per capita availability of water during the last one year; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to provide adequate safe drinking water to the residents of Delhi during this summer?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) Delhi Jal Board (DJB) has reported that against the demand of 850 Million Gallon per day (MGD), it supplied, during the last one year, on an average, about 675 MGD drinking water for about 140 lakh population of Delhi which approximately works out to 210 litres of per capita per day availability.

(c) DJB has reported that in order to provide adequate safe drinking water to the residents of Delhi this summer, it shall continue to make efforts secure supply of raw water from the Tehri Dam for the Sonia Vihar Water Treatment Plant which has been completed. The Board is also taking action to recycle waste water at Water Treatment Plants at

Bhagirathi, Chandrawal, Haiderpur and Wazirabad, which is likely to save about 45 MGD of drinking water. In addition, as a long term measure, Board has undertaken construction of a parallel lined channel from Munak to Haiderpur which would save about 80 MGD of water through reduction in seepage losses.

The Board also undertakes regular testing of water from raw water stage upto consumer end, by lifting samples daily from distribution network, reservoirs, tube-wells and rainy-wells. To ensure potability of water, testing Kits have also been provided to Junior Engineers.

Rejuvenation of culturally significant cities

*270. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there was a proposal to rejuvenate culturally significant cities;

(b) if so, whether that proposal has run through;

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay in finalizing the same;

(d) whether Vrindavan, Giriraj, Barsana, Nand Gaon, Kokila Van, etc. located in Uttar Pradesh are culturally significant cities; and

(e) if so, the steps taken to develop them including the roads from national highways?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) to (c) A scheme for 'Rejuvenation of Culturally Significant Cities' was conceived in March, 2000 and draft guidelines were also prepared. However, the Scheme was dropped in March, 2005 in view of the proposal of National Urban Renewal Mission (NURM). Infrastructure development of Culturally significant cities can now be taken up under the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) and Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Towns (UIDSSMT), launched on 3rd December, 2005.

(d) As ascertained from Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), there is no policy to declare any city as culturally significant.

(e) State Governments are required to prioritise and implement infrastructure development of cities including those culturally significant.